

Rules/Formulas

Local Sidereal Time = Right Ascension on the Meridian

Local Sidereal Time = Local Hour Angle of Object + Right Ascension of Object
 $LST = LHA(\text{obj}) + RA(\text{obj})$

Local Sidereal Time = Local Hour Angle of Vernal Equinox
 $LST = LHA(\text{VE})$

Latitude = Altitude of North Celestial Pole
 $Lat = Alt \text{ of NCP}$

Latitude = Zenith Distance of Celestial Equator (at Meridian)

Latitude = Declination + Zenith Distance of Transiting Object
 $Lat = Dec + ZD$. Zenith Distance is taken as positive when measured south along the meridian, negative when measured toward north.

Zenith Distance + Altitude = 90°
 $ZD = Alt + 90^\circ$

Longitude = Local Sidereal Time – Greenwich Sidereal Time
 $Long = LST - GST$

Longitude = Local Mean Solar Time – Greenwich Mean Solar Time
 $Long = LMT - GMT$

Local Mean Solar Time = Local Hour Angle of the Sun + 12 hours
 $LMT = LHA(\text{sun}) + 12h$

Standard Time = LMT + longitude correction. Longitude correction is taken as + when West (clockwise) of Greenwich, - when East (ccw).

Right Ascension of Sun = Months since March 21 times 2

Declination of Sun = 0° at both Equinoxes; 23.5°N at Summer Solstice;
 23.5°S at Winter Solstice

